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DEAFNESS IN THE BLOOD.

Strange Affliction of a Petty's Island Family.

MARRIAGE OF RELATIVES.

The Records of the Broad Street Institution Tell a Strange Story of Deaf-Mutes and their Progeny.

(Philadelphia Record, July 17.)

Among the families that will be driven from their homes on Petty's Island by the dredging out of the harbor is that of Ralston Laird. With his wife and children he has lived there thirty-seven years, and all his ten children save one have been born there, but the fact that four of these children have been deaf and dumb since birth gives the story interest and some pathos. Lizzie, Maggie, Rosanna and Nellie are the four whose young days have been spent in silence. The three latter have for four years been inmates of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, at Broad and Pine Streets, and the elder one used to be there.

"We can't tell what brought this misfortune on us.," said Mrs. Laird, yesterday. "They say that when relatives marry the children are often in some way defective, but Mr. Laird and I were absolute strangers when we first met. It is the doing of God, and nothing else. He wants to show what he can do, and we must bow to him. Our four children are not high tempered and quarrelsome like some deaf-mutes, but are good and obedient. Kate, another of our children which can hear and speak has learned sign-language, and uses it as well as any of the four."

FAMILIES CURSED WITH DEAFNESS.

"It is a very remarkable fact how deafness runs in certain families," said Principal A. L. E. Crouter, of the Deaf and Dumb Institution when the story of the Lairds was called to his notice. "The truth of the matter is that there are several families in this State we have had in the Institution ever since it was started, and will have for years to come. There are the Zimmermanns, of Steelton, Dauphin County; the Purvises, of this city; the Williams, of Shoemakersville, Berks County; the Blairs and others, always represented here. When the name does not appear on our rolls we think it strange. We have two Zimmermanns here now. Deafness came into the family through the mother, who was a Blair, and had three deaf-mute sisters, there are seven or eight of the Purvis family who are deaf and dumb.

A WHOLE FAMILY AFFLICTED.

"Another interesting family is the Robbs, who live at No 712 Webb Street. John M. Robb, a stonecutter James Robb, a weaver, and Herbert Robb, who is in this Institution, are three brothers, all born deaf. John married a wife who was somewhat deaf, and all his three children, Florence, Walter and Lillie, are deaf-mutes from birth.

"We have in the Institution now two Allens, from Wyoming County, both of whose parents are deaf-mutes, as well as two other children; two Campbells, from Juniata County, three of whose brothers and sisters are deaf; two Gartlets, from Lackawanna County, three of whose brothers and sisters are deaf; four Litzenbergers, from Lehigh County, all born deaf, and a Schantz, from Juniata County, in whose family there are three other deaf-mutes.

THE QUEER WORKINGS OF BLOOD.

"It is sometimes hard to say why families are thus strangely affected with deafness. Sometimes the deaf intermarry, and children may inherit the trouble, but that which most often leads to deaf progeny is the intermarriage of relatives. There are countless cases recorded which show how disease and deformity of all kinds may result from such unions. I am speaking, of course, of children born deaf. The condition of these made deaf by disease is much more easily explainable.

"But it occasionally happens from the marriage of those who are no relatives whatever, and are in full possession of hearing and speech, come offspring born deaf. Science is trying to explain why it is so. I believe myself that a child may be born deaf and dumb because the mother during conception comes suddenly upon a deaf child and is keenly impressed by its affliction. It seems as though the mental photograph made is impressed upon the unborn child.

MIND WORKS ON BODY.

"Now suppose a mother has had one child born deaf. As the time approaches for the birth of another child she very naturally is filled with forebodings lest its ears and lips shall likewise be sealed. This very condition of the mind may lead to the sequel that is feared. The study of physiology seems to show that this hypothesis is correct. The rule may fail, for the second child may be all right, while the first and third are deaf-mutes. It is a study of most absorbing interest, and science is gradually helping us to a correct knowledge of the subject."

DR. GALLAUDET HONORED.

INVITED ABROAD TO DELIVER AN ADDRESS ON TEACHING DEAF-MUTES.

For years past the fact has been recognized abroad that America is far ahead of all other nations in its treatment and education of the blind and the deaf and dumb. This is well attested by the fact that whenever any move in advance along these lines in foreign countries is about to be undertaken advice and help are sought from this side of the water. Especially is the educational work of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Kendall Green, in this city, watched with close attention by those who are interested in the matter abroad, and president, Dr. Gallaudet, is recognized everywhere as a leading authority in the care and education of deaf-mutes. Now for the second time he has been honored by an invitation to go abroad and to aid foreign institutions with suggestions and counsel.

A COMBINED SYSTEM.

The methods pursued at Kendall Green might almost be called a compromise or a combination of the best from all the other systems of education. For this reason, perhaps, the national institute at Kendall Green has been looked upon in other countries as the best example of American institutions.

Five years ago Dr. Gallaudet was invited by the British government to go abroad and give testimony before the royal commission on education of the deaf and blind, it being admitted then that the methods followed in this country were far in advance of those in England. The liberality of the government, federal and state, in this country, was taken as an example to induce the British government to make some similar provisions. Up to the present time the British government has done nothing for the education of the deaf at public expense.

ENGLISH OPPOSITION.

This royal commission made its report in due time to the crown, and a year ago a bill was introduced into parliament and passed in the house of lords providing for the general education of the deaf in Great Britain. The measure is meeting with some opposition, and a national association of educated deaf-mutes is talking great interest in the matter, trying to do what it can to promote the passage of the bill. The association will hold its annual congress this year at Glasgow the first week of August, and at the close of this congress there will be an important public meeting, at which the lord provost of Glasgow will preside.

DR. GALLAUET'S MISSION.

President Gallaudet has been invited and urged by the association to deliver the principal address on this occasion, and he left on the "Umbria" Saturday to fulfill this engagement. He has been at work for some time past on this address, which promises to be a most comprehensive and valuable addition to the literature upon the subject. On his trip abroad Dr. Gallaudet will be accompanied by his son, Mr. Denison Gallaudet.—*Washington, D. C., Evening Star.*

TORONTO NEWS.

The annual outings of the Toronto deaf-mutes are always enjoyable affairs, and this year was no exception. In fact, those who had the pleasure of being present will look back to the one of 1891 as one of the most enjoyable on record. The date was July 22d, and the place chosen was the pretty town of Oakville and one of the most charming spots on the lake shore. A high, cool grove, overlooking the lake, with a smooth plateau for the races, etc., left nothing to be desired for a beautiful picnic ground. As early as 6:30 in the morning, the friends began to gather at the Union Station, the start being made at 6:55 when over forty were present; others being added at North Parkdale. In genial companionship, the run to Oakville quickly passed, and it was still quite early when the party stepped out on the platform, where our obliging friend, W. R. Thomas, was on hand to meet us with free conveyances to the picnic grounds a mile away. The drive through the town gave those who had never been there before an opportunity to see the beauties, of which so much have been heard. Arriving at the grounds, dispositions were at once made for the programme of sports and races. A foot-ball match was first on the programme. Two teams lined up, captained by A. E. Smith and P. Fraser, and for nearly an hour, they struggled for supremacy, Mr. Smith coming out the victor two goals to one, he having much the better team, choosing all the old Belleville foot-ballers he could get, Bradshaw and Gates making agressive forwards. Sheppard defended the goal for Mr. Fraser, and he knows how. He has been there before on the old Belleville field, and it was not easy to get by him.

In the 50-yard foot race, McGlasham, of Hamilton, came in first, with Bradshaw a good second. There were five starters. The boot race was won by Bradshaw, six starters. In the race backwards, Gates, first, and Hill second. In the blind-folded race, Allen came in first and took the prize against six starters.

Adjournment was then made for dinner. Mr. Regan, near the grove, had provided a very substantial private table at a very cheap rate, nearly all the excursionists taking advantage of his hospitality in preference to being cumbered with baskets. After dinner, preparations were made for a tug-of-war between eight mutes and the same number of men from the Oakville tannery, the prize being a huge watermelon, the gift of Mr. Regan. A. E. Smith captained the mutes and choose the following team to contest: Howe, Fraser, H. Mason, Newel, Wedburn, Bradshaw, Holmes, and Smith. The tanners were all heavy men and manned the ropes in a way that left a slim chance for the mutes. The tanners, when the signal was given, took the mutes by surprise and gained a foot before they were checked, and at last pulled the Toronto boys over the line. The next was stubbornly contested, the mutes, at last, gaining the pull, making it even. The third and last pull was gained by the tanners, who carried off their prize in triumph to their work-rooms where it was divided up. There is little doubt that had the two teams been equal in weight that the mutes would have been victorious. The married and single men of the party then lined up for a pull; the struggle was short and sharp, the benedicts pulled their opponents over in two straights without much effort. The skipping contest was only entered by two little deaf-mute girls, A. Gilliland and M. Cunningham-the former took the first prize. In the girls' skipping contest (free to any), Miss E. Boyd gained first prize with 184, Miss E. Bridgen, second with 176. The whole party then went to the water-side to see the boat race between East and West Toronto. The course was a quarter of a mile with turn. A. W. Mason and P. Fraser manned the oars for West, H. Mason, steering; A. E. Smith and P. Holmes pulled for the East, Charlie Elliott manning the ropes. West Toronto gained the first heat by several lengths, the second heat resulted the same, the Eastern men being fairly outrowed. Quite a number of the party took quiet boating trips down the river, which branches off from the lake, on their return, the games were proceeded with. The candle race was won by A. W. Mason easily. In throwing the stone, P. Fraser got first prize, with H. Mason a good second. The committee could not prevail on any to carry on the sports further, all declared they were too tired to do more, and prefered to sit on the banks and enjoy the cool breezes to heating themselves in contests of strength and skill, so the programme was left unfinished. At 4 P.M., the party again went to Mr. Regan's for tea where another excellent repast was furnished. Mr. A. W. Mason then took a photograph of the group, and then, the rigs having arrived, all rushed to get seats. Mr. Nurse, however, called the party back and invited Mr. Fraser to say a few words. Mr. Fraser, on behalf of himself and fellow excursionists, tendered Mr. Thomas a hearty vote of thanks for his efforts to make the excursion a success, and give all an opportunity to enjoy themselves. Mr. Thomas, in reply, asked that Mr. Regan be not forgotten. To him, in a great measure, much of the credit was due for the comfortable arrangements made for enjoyment. On motion, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered that gentleman for his kindness. With the exception of a few of the younger people, who preferred to wait for a later train, the party left for the station and arrived safely home at 7:30 P.M., all being fully satisfied with their day's outing. The attendance was not quite so good as in former years, some being unable to leave business, and others being away for holidays.

NOTES.

Mrs. Taylor and her daughter, Miss Gussie, were met on the train. They were bound to Oakville on a visit. They came to the picnic grounds in the afternoon, and were heartily welcomed by the friends, who knew her when she was a matron of the Institute at Belleville.

Mr. Nurse, of Belleville, unexpectedly put in an appearance at the station when starting. He enjoyed himself like the rest of the boys. He always feels at home in Toronto, the mutes always giving him a hearty welcome.

Messrs. Nasmith and Bridgen were of the party—it would not have been complete without them; they took a fatherly interest in every thing. They seemed to have no greater enjoyment than to see others happy. Mrs. Bridgen and family were also present and enjoyed it as much as any.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Messrs. Mosher, Mortimer, and McGlasham, of Hamilton, arrived during the forenoon. Mr. Newell left his harvest work and drove nineteen miles to be present.

Had the excursion been by boat, it would, perhaps, have been more pleasant, but no suitable arrangements could be made with the boats to land the party early, so the train was taken as the most convenient.

The newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Boughton, *nee* Miss Fetterly, were present and brightened the occasion. It was a matter of regret that the other lately married couples were unable to be present.

During the next six weeks, two more weddings may be looked for; two of the Toronto bachelors are tired of boarding-house fare, and will each bring in a bride from outside of the city. May they be as happy and successful as some others we know.

W. M.

Oswego, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:—Will you kindly permit us to have a space in your valuable JOURNAL. This city has less than twenty deaf-mutes. We did not have a good time on July 4th, by reason of rain.

Wm. J. Higgins, a deaf-mute, son of ex-alderman Captain Higgins, will be sure to go to Syracuse to attend the Hibernians parade, and hopes to meet some deaf-mutes there.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lalonde, in company with William Langton and Geo. Waters, enjoyed a sail on a steamer, and also had a good time on the beach last Sunday.

Rev. Charles Dantzer is expected to be here on July 12th, to hold services for the deaf-mute residents.

Joseph Hiloff has secured a job with the Kingsford's Starch Co.

Jesse Kenyon, a graduate of the Rome Institution, is a machinist in Aive's iron works. He is well liked by the mutes of this city on account of his gentlemanly disposition.

PRINCE JOHN.

CHICAGO.

The Annual Outing of the Pas-a-Pas Club of Deaf-Mutes.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE PRESENT.

They Had Just as Good a Time as If They Had Made Lots of Noise.

(From the Chicago Inter-Ocean July 19.)

WHERE SILENCE WAS GOLDEN.

The most silent picnic of the season was given on the 18th inst., at Elliott's Park, in Matteson.

No word was spoken, and if you sat on a bench on the grounds and closed your eyes, you could easily imagine that the place was deserted by all living things save the birds and the locusts.

Still there were gathered together three hundred men and women, young and old, strolling around the grounds, swinging, playing "drop the handkerchief" and "blind man's buff," eating, and enjoying themselves generally in a fashion that was unique in its utter lack of sound.

It was the annual picnic of the Pas-a-Pas ("Step by Step") Club of Deaf-Mutes. This club is composed of the most prominent deaf-mutes in Chicago, and perhaps, among of the 50,000 mutes in the United States, there is no more successful and permanently-established organization.

THE CROWD WHICH ESTABLISHED

at the Illinois Central Depot Saturday morning was made up of the best class of mutes in Chicago, and the gathering was strange and almost touching. The cheerfulness with which all seemed to submit to one of the greatest of human afflictions was remarkable. Still more so was the keenness shown by all in determining at a glance the various shades of meaning conveyed by the sign-language. The conversation seemed to be as rapid and vivacious as that wherein the voice is the mode of exchange, and even the children used their hands in a lightning fashion bewildering to the exoteric. The mere alphabetical language was scarcely used at all. The sign-language was understood by all, and the marvelous nobility of their feature was a study in itself. A man deprived of one arm is generally unusually strong in the other. In the same way the deprivation suffered by the mutes seems to have been simply an addition to their other senses. They can almost read each other's thoughts, and a mere gesture gives to them the matter of a sentence.

NEARLY ALL THE MUTES

knew each other, but those who were unacquainted were rapidly introduced in the sign-language. It was odd enough to see the ladies kiss each other on meeting, and immediately start up a lively though silent interchange of views as to how to get the baby through its second summer. The young men, accompanied by their girls, who in turn were accompanied by very large and very tempting lunch-baskets, did not seem to find it hard to say pretty things with their hands, although it was observed that when they wanted to get off a particularly delicate expression they got into a corner and screened themselves from the general view. The children of mutes, all of whom were in possession of perfect voices and hearing, were in utmost accord and understanding with their parents, and the eloquence of silence could not have been better displayed.

The crowd, under the immediate direction of Mr. J. Klienhans and Mr. S. S. Codman, boarded the train at 8:40 o'clock. On another track was a trainload of the employes of the electrical companies of this city. The contrast was striking. The people on the electrical train were using their voices for song and laughter; those on the mute train, none the less joyful and enthusiastic, demonstrated the pithiness of the maxim, "Silence is golden," especially when

THE SILENCE IS COMPULSORY.

The clouds hung very low over the grove when the party alighted from the train, and the chances for a day like one of Milet's delightfully wet pictures were remarkably good. But there was no wilting in the spirits of the mutes, and they plunged into the fun for keeps in a style that might have been a lesson to a good many less grateful mortals with all of their senses about them.

The base-ball crowd commenced to get in its fine work almost immediately. The Pas-a-Pas Club, a set of strapping young fellows in very neat uniforms, measured bats with the Edgars, a club that has won nine games in succession from some of the best amateur clubs. But this did not save them from a defeat, in a well played game, at the hands of the mute club. The score was 7 to 6, and the stakes were $10 a side.

When the noon hour came around there was a general unpacking of baskets. The head of the family generally took the head of the table, and the good things were disposed of amid showers of silent wit and merriment. At one of the tables "grace before meat" was done in the language of signs.

THE ATHLETIC GAMES

began at 2 o'clock. The enthusiasm of the mutes over each event was only displayed by almost miraculously rapid movements of the fingers, hands, and arms. A singular thing was the ease with which the starters and judges read each other's signs at a distance of sometimes 100 yards. The instructors were all given in the mute language, and the starts were all made at the drop of a handkerchief.

The fifty yards ladies' race was won by Miss Leyder, and during the rest of the afternoon, the sun having come out brightly, she carried the beautiful violet parasol which was the prize. Mr. C. C. Codman won the potato race, carrying five potatoes on a spoon in the shortest space of time, in a walk. He is now decorating his cravat with the diamond pin which he won. Messrs. Langier and Cox practically left the other contestants at the post in the three-legged race, and got solid cash for doing it. Miss Alice Grout, a pretty little 14-year-old girl, who wears a medal for an essay on "American Patriotism," captured a handsome manicure set, winning the twenty-five yards girls' race.

MR. LANGIER JUMPED IN

on the sack race with what grace there is in a man covered up with a gunny-sack, and his friends are envious of the cane he got for his agility. Mr. E. D. Hunter was able to pick his shoes out of a pile and get them on faster than any one else, and maybe he has not yet spent the cash prize. Fred. Kaufman won the long distance throw. Mr. C. C. Codman got a good sound bottle of wine for breasting the wire first in the fat men's race, and everyone invited him to come to dinner to-morrow and bring that bottle along.

The party was photographed a short time before leaving the grounnds. After getting rid of what was left in the baskets the party took its silent way to the train with many a sign, strange enough to the uninitiated, that told of the pleasure of the day.

Perhaps the fact was never better established that the mutes are at least as happy as most folks, and a great deal more philosophical than a pretty good majority of their fellow creatures.

Livingston Manor, N. Y.

DEAR EDITOR:—As the above named place is, perhaps, never seen in the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, it is thought best to write some items concerning the deaf-mutes of Sullivan County.

Mr. Louis Livingston, of Brainbridge, N. Y., took in the sights of this place, his former residence. He is a relation to the late Dr. Livingston, after whom the village is named. The writer had a short but pleasant interview with the former by means of the finger-alphabet alone.

Although Livingston Manor has a small population, it is the most popular and enterprising business locality in Sullivan county, besides being an excellent place for summer boarders, especially those who want to find the "rod and reel" plentiful. The president of the New York Baseball Club was up here a few days ago, with the intention of catching trouts in the Willowemoc streams, where there can be found numerous trouts.

The Millard Division of conductors of the N. Y., O. & W. Railway will hold their seventh annual clam bake on Sherwood's Island Park, five minutes's walk from the depot, August 5th. There are to be a ball game, a foot-ball game between the lady team (eleven). There is a merry-go-round, a revolving swing and a large dancing pavillion. The island on which the clam bake is to take place, will be lighted by electric lights, the first introduced into Sullivan county. Under the able management of Mr. J. F. Sherwood, Superintendent of the Livingston Manor Manufacturing Co., promises to surpass all previous clam bakes with the prospects of a large attendance. Deaf-mutes are desirous of seeing what sort of a thing a clam bake is, should make up their minds to come up as there are plenty of accommodating boarding houses. The writer's P. O. Box is 59, Livingston Manor, N. Y., and will be pleased to get those who come a good place to board. Transient,—$1.00 and $1.50 per day. The line along the N. Y. Ontario & Western Railway is the most picturesque scenery.

Mr. W. H. Reimann is employed in the Maudeville & Co. Chemical Works and commands good wages. He is said to be a fine looking young man by the public. He would be glad to have some of the Fanwood chums attend the clam bake, August 5th.

Mr. John Kennedy, a graduate of Fanwood, was in Sullivan County in search of the deaf-mutes, who are natives of this Country. He came from Nebraska *via* New York.

Miss Carrie E. Sprague, who graduated from Fanwood eight years ago, is living with her uncle in Purvis, N. Y., two miles from here. She has decided to enjoy maiden life, for she says it is better then married life.

Rumors are afloat that Sidney B. Edwards has been married to Miss Katie Knack, of Fremont, N. Y. Mr. Edwards works in the curtain pole factory in Rockland, N. Y.

Wm. E. Lewis, a nephew of Miss P. Lewis, assistant matron in the New York Institute, can use the sign-language, and when conversing with a deaf-mute, strangers often take him for a *bona fide* deaf person. Miss Lewis annually stops at his residence on her way to Oxford, N. Y. Mr. Lewis is in the employ of the N. Y., O. & W. R. R. as car repairer.

We would like Mr. Geo. S. Porter to be present at the Clam Bake very much. His native place is Liberty, ten miles below here, and is the leading and most popular summer resort in the country. The writer called on his widowed mother recently.

It must be worthy to note that Mr. George W. Wormeth, of Fosterdale, N. Y., is a first class carpenter and has few equals. He has built several nice houses since he left Fanwood five years ago.

If Mr. J. W. Lyons wants to improve his skill as a fisherman, he should come up and catch lots of trouts from the Beaverkill and Willowemoc streams.

If business will not prevent me, I will be at the Empire State Association Convention.

There is an uneducated deaf-mute living in Beechwoods, N. Y. His parents ought send him to an institution to be educated.

The editor of the *Ensign*, a weekly paper of this place, is a member of the Typographical Union No. 6. of New York. In an interview with the writer, he said that deaf-mute printers in New York are mostly superior to their hearing brethren.

We think Edward Redington, who was killed recently by being caught between two freight cars, was a cousin to Peter F. Redington, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

RE-I.

Rev. Mr. Cloud's Appointments.

Aug. 2—Philadelphia, Pa., 10:30 P.M.
" 2—Wilmington, Del., 3 P.M.
" 9—Baltimore, Md., 10:45 A.M.
" 9—Washington, D. C., 3:30 P.M.
" 16—York, Pa., 10:20 P.M.
" 16—Steelton, Pa., 3:30 P.M.
" 16—Carlisle, Pa., 8 P.M.

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A CORRESPONDENT of the New York *Sun*, relates a conversation he had with a veteran locomotive engineer, concerning the fascination that the railroad seems to have for deaf-mutes. The comments made are worth perusing. The engineer, however, has only learned of a small number of deaths due to the track-walking mania. He thinks twenty fatalities a big aggregate, even if it covers a period of many years. But, as the readers of the JOURNAL know, more than double that number have been killed in one year by the locomotive. A few years ago, the JOURNAL undertook to record the deaths on the railroad track, and although the record was necessarily imperfect, because of the number not reported, yet the list was terribly large when the ratio of the deaf to the hearing is considered. In 1884, forty-eight deaths of deaf-mutes on the railroad were catalogued; in 1885, twenty-six fell victims to the locomotive; in 1886, there were seventeen; and in 1887, fifteen were counted. If Dr. Bell's intermarriage theory were accepted, it is believed that the railroad casualties would counteract the increase very effectually. It is noticeable, however, that the JOURNAL's repeated warnings have steadily diminished the number of fatal accidents; for, year by year, they have grown less, until at the present time the average is four-fifths smaller than it was seven years ago. There are still a few "smart" deaf-mutes who think the tie-promenade can be patronized with impunity, but after these have been wiped out, we think the reputation of deaf-mutes for being shy of the railroad will become as prominent in the future as their carelessness has been in the past.

THE sensational story that has appeared in almost every prominent daily paper in the United States and Canada, and was reprinted in the JOURNAL, shows to what extent the imagination of a reporter can go. We are gratified to learn that the Catholic Institution for Deaf-Mutes was not burned, and also that the deaf-mute children, so graphically described as sending forth "inarticulate moans" when surrounded by the flames, were never in any such dangerous position. It seems too bad to spoil such a beautiful picture of heroism as that of a Sister lowering one hundred and fifty deaf-mute children to the ground, by an improvised fire-escape made from tying the sheets of their beds together, but the truth must be told, even at the expense of such a pretty fiction.

THE Empire State Association has this week additional information in its programme, to be found on the fourth page. The outlook for a large convention is very promising, and it is expected that the favorable terms offered by hotels will have considerable weight in increasing the expected influx of rural delegates. Tickets for the afternoon and evening outing of the association and its friends will be issued in a few days.

OUR list of Pennsylvania subscribers should all be on hand at the Convention in Allentown, Pa., on the 26th of August. One day will be occupied by business, and the second with an excursion in aid of the Home Fund, winding up in the evening with a soiree and banquet.

THE deaf-mutes of Missouri will hold a reunion at the Institution at Fulton, Mo., during the first four days of September. Much enthusiasm is manifested, and it will undoubtedly be a great event in that State.

ITEMIZER.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally, or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent: *The Itemizer.*

Abbreviated News concerning Deaf-Mutes.

Peter Buterly is in Jericho, N. Y., spending his two weeks' vacation.

The *Cleveland World* says that two deaf-mute sisters in Texas, edit a paper called the *Sunny Clime.*

Miss Miller, of Connecticut, and Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Chase and son, of the same State, are visiting in Boston.

Miss Katie Dore and Mary Wetchen recently spent a week in Perth Amboy, N. J., as the guests of Mrs. J. Lynch.

Last week Miss Gussie Harper invited Miss Celia Schloss to stay at her home for about one month in Scranton, Pa.

Mr. E. W. Neel, of Bizzell, N. C., has our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of his mother, who passed away peacefully on the 21st of June last.

Mr. George C. Sawyer is an expert at blocking and trimming electrotypes. He is employed at the Scott Electrotype Establishment in Boston.

The Annual Basket Picnic of the deaf-mutes of Central New York will be held at Sylvan Beach, Oneida Lake, on Saturday, August 1st.

Miss Florence P. Jones, Ehrich R. Jones, and their niece, Miss Beatrice Hodgson, saw the deaf-mute picnic at Melville Gardens, near Boston, on the 22d.

Mr. E. W. Frisbee is an enthusiastic worker in the interests of the Gallaudet Society of Boston, and to his efforts a great deal of its high degree of success is due.

One interesting scene at the Boston Picnic was the recognition of each other by Mr. Finnemore, of Lawrence, and Mr. Osgood, of Natick. They had not met since they were pupils at Hartford forty years ago.

On the night of the 24th inst., Rev. Job Turner officiated in Baton Rouge, La., for the benefit of ten mutes. The next morning he got off for New Orleans to have a sorvice on the 26th.

Mr. George A. Holmes has begun a vacation of two weeks. He has been employed in the Register of Deeds office in Boston for thirty-seven years. He has a handsome little daughter, seven years old, who accompanied her parents to the picnic on July 22d.

Rachel McIlvain, after an absence of three months at Seabright, N. J., has returned home. During the month of August she will be glad to have her friends call on her at 261 West 20th Street, New York City.

A stranger made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynch, of Perth Amboy, N. J. Mrs. Lynch's maiden name was Henrietta Prins. She is well-known by the deaf-mutes in New York City where she used to reside.

Sanford Bray reached New York on the Fall River steamer "Plymouth," on Monday morning. He has been to Maine for a vacation of two weeks. If he does not succeed in getting work in this city, he intends going to Pittsburg. Mr. Bray is an expert glass-stainer, and holds a patent for an improved method of staining.

Among those who saw the base-ball game at Boston last Saturday were W. L. Hill and E. A. Hodgson. Mr. Hill was accompanied by his son, a fine looking boy of fifteen. Ehrick R. Jones, Mr. Hodgson's brother-in-law was with him. In the evening Mr. Hill and son saw the "Destruction of Pompeii."

On the 26th inst., Rev. Job Turner called in Memphis, Tenn., on Miss Mary C. Bierce, a deaf-mute lady, who said that she had been an instructor in the Ohio Institution, for about nineteen years, and that she was going to move back to the north with her parents to live. The next day he started for Vicksburg and New Orleans.

A great many pupils of the Horace Mann School were at the Boston picnic. Many of them made signs imperfectly, and all seemed anxious to learn. When the new school was dedicated, a number of prominent graduates wanted to have a reunion of former pupils, but Miss Fuller frowned it down, and they were very much disappointed.

While on a visit to Mrs. Van Derhyden, Mrs. Agnes Romeyn, mother of Miss Jane Ann Romeyn, a deaf-mute of Glenville, N. Y., fell down stairs and was severely hurt about her hands. Dr. Brown, who examined her, says that one wrist was out of joint and the other badly hurt, but that no bones were broken. She is now slowly recovering.

Mr. Patrick O'Connell, of South Lawrence, Mass., died on the 21st of July, aged 19 years. The funeral took place on the 23d and was largely attended. Two deaf-mutes, Messrs. Fecteau and Wm. Smith were among the pall bearers. Among those present at the funeral were Miss Lucy Swett, Mrs. Swett, George T. Sanders and J. B. Lucy.

It is a fact, not perhaps generally known, that the leading Institution for the education of the deaf, in the world, is right here in Washington. The approaching visit of its head, Dr. Gallaudet, to the Glasgow Congress in aid of a movement in Great Britain to provide a national system of education for these unfortunates is in the line of his efforts to extend the benefits of education to one of the most of all classes of physically afflicted persons. That Great Britain, so forward in many respects to promote humane objects, should have been so far behind her oldest daughter is quite remarkable. The National Institute at Kendall Green has been foremost of all similar schools in stimulating the education of mutes in foreign lands, and it is a fact vastly to the credit of this young country. —*Editorial, in Washington (D. C.) Star, July 23.*

ST. LOUIS.

A Batch of Small Items from the Mound City.

OUR FIRST EXCURSION.

By Far More Successful and Enjoyable than Expected.

Never before were we affected by the contemplation of happiness than to tell that our first steamboat excursion on the river last Saturday afternoon, was a source of unexpressible pleasure to all who had participated in it. The big steel-hull steamer, "Ferdinand Harold," stood at the foot of Locust Street, waiting to move up the river at the command of the chairman. Ladies and gentlemen, some carrying big baskets of refreshments, were seen to hurry down the Levee and enter the big boat to mingle socially with those who were already on board. At half past two the boat left its main wharf to proceed to north Market St., where it was scheduled to leave at 2:30, but as circumstances rendered it impossible to leave on that time, the boat arrived at North Market St., about 3 o'clock, despite the fact that the people had waited so long. While nearing the bank, she ran into a light tug boat named, "Helene Schulenberg," sustaining a heavy loss of about $250 to the tug boat. About half an hour was wasted in trying to get away from the tug boat, which had set its upper deck under the siding of our boat.

The boat went up the river pretty fast, and everybody had taken the opportunities of the cool breeze. A Punch and Judy show was exhibited on the lower deck by one of the officials of the boat, which rendered much amusement to all. Everyone was talking and dancing merrily, new and old friends were gathered in groups chattering on the topics of the time, and everything seemed to be in a cheerful humor. At about 5:30, Alton, Ill., was reached, and as few wished to go out, it did not take a long time to stay at the shore, and pretty soon we were in sight of Riverside Park, about a mile and a half from Alton, on the Missouri side. As soon as the boat was fastened to the dock, a photographer took a picture of the boat, and when he finished, we all scampered into the park and spread all the contents of our baskets on the narrow tables for our supper. We were again photographed on the grounds in a large group. In about an hour the boat blew its whistle, and all were soon in the boat ready to move homeward. It stopped at Alton about 7:45, and moved slowly down the river and landed at Locust Street, precisely at 11 o'clock. Of course, the excursion was by far more successful and enjoyable than expected, but it is not yet known whether it will be a financial success or not.

Last night the club room was filled to its utmost capacity, the occasion being the presence of Mr. William G. Jones, of New York, to deliver a lecture. His fame as a sign-maker had attracted considerable attention hereabouts, and mutes said they could not afford to lose the chance at least, to see this conspicuous sign-maker, whom they have heard of so often, well disposed to make them lose their breath with whatever he says. For his subject, he presented a very enthusiastic reproduction of Shakespeare's famous play, "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark." The lecture itself looked more like a pantomime, for Mr. Jones performed it with accuracy so that we realized the fact it was more interesting than we could see at the theatres. Mr. Jones arrived in this city last Thursday night from Indianapolis, where he delivered a lecture to a small audience of deaf-mutes, who claimed they had not sufficient time to give due notice of the coming lecture, and that they could not pay the traveling expenses till further on.

He has stopped at Mr. and Mrs. Kerr's house since. On Friday he visited our club room, and on Saturday he was our glorious visitorand guest on board the boat. On Sunday he called at the club for a little while, and later confined himself to preparing for his lecture for the next day. On Monday night he delivered his excellent piece of pantomime, and this evening a group of mutes waited on him at Mr. and Mrs. Kerr's house, to exchange farewell words with him before his departure for the East tomorrow morning. He could not continue his lecture tour as far as Chicago, on account of his wife wishing him to return to New York on some business, and his lecture engagements in Chicago, Detroit and Buffalo will have to be cancelled.

After about seven months of waiting patiently, the Gallaudet Council, American Fraternal Council, has got its charter and all the necessary paraphernalia. The charter has an enrollment of thirty-six members, and is in a flourishing condition.

In consideration of the proposed reduced rates to Fulton, Mo., September 1st to 5th, many mutes residing here have taken the question of attending the First Reunion of the Missouri Deaf-Mutes, at Fulton, Mo., next September. The Board of Managers have directed their approval by granting to the mutes the privilege of using the school buildings for the participation of the old pupils, and suitable accommodations will be made for all attending. Mr. Henry Gross, Mrs. B. T. Gilkey and Miss D. A. Grimmett constitute the committee appointed by Superintendent Tate to arrange all the details of the Reunion. A partial programme has been made, which is as follows:

Tuesday, September 1.—Arrival at the Institution.

Wednesday, September 2.—Address of welcome by the Superintentent; Organization and election of officers.

Thursday, September 3.—Papers, discussions, business.

Friday, September 4.—Papers, discussions, business. Adjournment.

Saturday, September 5.—Departure for home.

Yesterday information about the Reunion was received from the committee in charge, requesting our pleasure to be present at that noteworthy demonstration, to send in our names and addresses, and to prepare a paper that we wish should be read before the meeting, or be enrolled in the routine of business.

Mr. Mulholland, the oldest mute in St. Louis, is incessantly the principal factor in our social melange here. He has been in St. Louis since May, 1844, and it just occurred with others that he has a tender spot in his heart to maintain his reputation as one who is always fond of relating ancedotes and sketches, that occurred prior to the time when the Civil War broke out, and by which all is related to St. Louis. Of course, young boys are always glad to learn what has happened in St. Louis before they were born and eagerly pay attention to every word he says. He frequently recalls many reminiscences about the time the war was waging, and often tells how St. Louis advanced to the front with so much rapidity that she now stands fourth in population. Though not possessed of a good school education, he can make signs as well as others. He came with his parents from Albany, N. Y., and was originally educated in a catholic school in Brooklyn. He now stands at the old age of sixty years.

Mr. William E. Guss spent the Fourth of July with a country girl somewhere in Missouri. He said on his return that he had a nice time, but was pretty well worried by country insects.

Mr. B. C. Sproul, a graduate of the Illinois Institution, dropped into St. Louis last month, and afterward went to Jacksonville, where he desired to be present at the closing exercises of the school. He returned here again, and after lingering a while returned to Jacksonville, where he celebrated the glorious Fourth with his old friends. From Jacksonville he went to Chicago on a short visit, and then he returned to his quiet home in the orange blossom country of Florida.

Mr. W. I. Tilton, class of '93, of the National Deaf-Mute College, was our visitor at the excursion, and he enjoyed it to his full extent. He called at our club room on Sunday afternoon, and after judging from the magnificence of our room, expressed the opinion that it exhibits one of the finest decorated club rooms he ever saw in St. Louis. Mr. Tilton chatted quite freely with Mr. Jones on their college days, past and present, and of all the eccentricities they could recall. He spent a part of the afternoon rambling around the city with Mr. Wolff. He left for his home in Jacksonville, Ill., yesterday morning, in order to get ample time to officiate as scorer in a game of baseball up there. He expects to challenge one of our amateur nines in the near future.

A rather sad coincidence appeared to Mr. Geo. D. Hunter two weeks ago. While trying to separate a party of drunken toughs, he happened to notice were going to have trouble, he received a heavy blow from a stick, inflicting a ghastly scalp wound that kept him in bed for two long weeks. He was the first member of the Gallaudet Council to be entitled to a sick benefit of $25 a week. He has not yet fully recovered from the attack.

Mr. Max Metzl is heard from in Los Angeles, Cal., and if he is not successful in securing a good job, he is likely to jump to Seattle or Tacoma, Wash.

John Martin Schutz, whose name appeared in this paper two weeks ago, has been working in a brewery and is being paid highly according to some rumor.

When we arrived at Alton, Ill., last Saturday, the Alton *Telegram* on the next day jumped to the conclusion that we came from a "St. Louis Asylum."

Mr. John Mills and Miss McWilliams came over from Jacksonville to attend our excursion. Both of them, together with Ed. Kelling and Mrs. Jacoby, enjoyed a carriage drive around the city Monday afternoon. The two former did not attend Mr. Jones' lecture, having to go home owing to Mr. Mills having much overwork to do.

Mr. John Stuart, a pupil at the Illinois school, is learning the apprenticeship of an artist in Cincinnati, O. He used to live here.

Miss Bailey returned from Fulton, Mo., last week from an extended visit. She reports that the school building is in readiness for the opening of the reunion.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. and Mrs. Kohlmetz's only child on the morning of the Gallaudet Home Excursion. They have our heartfelt sympathy.

A rumor was afloat not long ago that Miss Vail has sent her resignation as articulation teacher in the Day School, but it is now said that she intends to withdraw her resignation.

Mr. Cloud left this city for Philadelphia last week, to take the place of Rev. Mr. Koehler, while the latter is in Europe. He will return here on or about August 17th.

Mr. Charles Wolff struck Detroit, Mich., last month, and staid there three weeks. A part of his time was spent in attending the reunion at Flint, and besides doing the visiting business. From Detroit he went to Chicago, where he stayed over ten days. All that was noticeable on his return was that he was wearing a "Detroit straw hat," which is very strange in St. Louis.

Mr. James Chenery accompanied his parents in moving from Kalamazoo, Mich., to this city. While up there he attended the reunion at Flint, Mich., and visited Detroit a little. He reported having a good time.

Within a very short time a deaf-mute couple's name will be in the bridal bulletin of the newspapers. Guess who it can be.

A surprise party is talked of at Mrs. T. Brown's home next Saturday night.

M. QUAD.

July 21, '91.

MONTREAL.

I am a constant reader of your interesting paper, the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, but only at intervals do I contribute to its columns, as I notice that you have an excellent chronicler of the doings of the Protestant deaf of our city in "J. S. M.," of the Mackay Institution.

My chief purpose in writing this week is to put your readers sight concerning the highly sensational report, headed "Montreal Catholic Institution Burned!" "Brave rescue of deaf-mutes!" etc., and which appeared in your issue of last week. The whole story is a fabrication, emanating from the pen of a persistent news falsifier, who is in the habit of making the most sensational stories out of very trival incidents and forwarding the same to certain reputable newspapers for the delectation of their readers.

Sometimes these fabrications go in the form of press dispatches, when of course they give wider circulation.

We are often surprised with such "Home new news from abroad," and this "Deaf-mute rescue" is the latest.

A Convent at St. Hiliaire, Quebec, was burnt at 4 o'clock on a certain morning not very long ago, so far the report is true. St. Hilaire is twenty-one miles from Montreal, but there is no Institution for the Deaf there, and how the indentity of two convents twenty-one miles apart could have been so confused, only the afore mentioned prevaricator could explain.

Have I made it clear the Catholic Deaf and Dumb Institution at Montreal, was *not* burned; that the children there were never in the dangerous situation ascribed to them, and that the heroic conduct of Sister Margaret all took place in the imagination of our Ananias.

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MAINE DEAF-MUTE MISSION.

The Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Maine Deaf-Mute Mission will meet in PORTLAND, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH AND 30TH.

The Convention will be held in Reception Hall—a small hall in the City Hall, which His Honor the Mayor has tendered free—at two o'clock P.M.

The biennial election of officers will take place, and whatever other business there may be to transact.

Prof. Clark, of Hartford, will act as interpreter during the Convention. He will also deliver a lecture Saturday evening, after which time will be given to social intercourse.

Preaching services will be held as usual on Sunday, to be announced at the Convention.

Hotel accommodations as follows:—U. S. Hotel, opposite Monument Square, $1.50 per day if two persons occupy same room; or $2.00 per day one person in room.

Chase House, boarding house, 421 Congress Street near City Hall, $1.00 per day.

An excursion has been arranged to Old Orchard Beach for Monday.

Train leaves Portland at 8:45 A.M., and returns from the beach in time to connect with evening trains on the Maine Central.

Half fare rates have been secured on the Maine Central R. R. to Portland. Tickets good from Saturday until Tuesday.

Those who attend Convention must ask their station agent for tickets to mute convention.

Those coming from Boston will find a pleasant passage to Portland by boat.

Steamers leave Boston and Portland every night, Sundays included, at 7 o'clock. Fare $1.00 each way.

It is hoped there may be a large attendance, and that this meeting may be the largest and most successful gathering of mutes ever held in Maine. A cordial invitation is extended to all, whether residents of Maine or other States.

H. P. HUNT, *President*
M. D. M. M.

FANWOOD.

A Few Notes from "A. Quad's" Note-Book.

AN UNIQUE EXHIBIT.

Other Briefs Items Gleaned from Here and There.

(*From our Fanwood Correspondent.*)

Mr. Henry Simmons, of New York City, visited the institution on the 23d inst. Mr. Simmons is a colored gentleman, about 60 years old. He is one of the few deaf-mutes now living that was taught by the late Dr. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet and Mr. Laurent Clerc, at the Hartford Asylum. Mr. Simmons married Miss Susan Greenweir, a colored young lady graduate of this Institution. They have been blessed with four children, all blessed with the sense of hearing and speech; two of whom have since died. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Simmons celebrated the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Mr. Simmons says he reads the JOURNAL and is kept posted on the stride of progress the deaf-mutes have made since he was a pupil at the Hartford School.

Misses Jaycox and Branfuhr called at the Institution to see Miss Prudence Lewis on the 23d inst.

Mr. Walter B. Peet called at the Institution to get his mail last Friday, and then left for Washington, D. C., where he is to report the coming boat races for the New York *Herald.*

The "Syndicate Watch Co." has found many purchasers of their watches here. Nightwatchman Beebe last Thursday purchased a fine gold, open-faced watch. The works are of the latest make, and it won't be his fault if he don't arouse the pupils on time after this, as his new timepiece is warranted to keep correct time.

Mr. Frank Turner, the champion pole-vaulter of our Athletic Club, writes from Brooklyn, N. Y., that he is going to spend several weeks in the country with his folks, therefore, will be unable to take part in the games of the Xavier's Club on August 15th. He wishes to express his thanks to "Montague Tigg" and others for the kind consideration they have shown in his behalf in trying to enter him for the said games.

Mr. W. L. Bowers, a member of the High Class, and an active member of the "Proteans," has just recovered from a short illness at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., and has gone to Centuport, L. I., to spend a few weeks.

Mr. Frank A. Stryker was the only member of the "Proteans" at the Brooklyn Society's Picnic, on Saturday last. Soon after the close of school in June, he secured a job in a printing office, and has been steadily employed ever since. When he returns to school in September next, he will have his pockets full of "greenbacks."

Mr. H. F. M. Pace, another member of the Proteans, has been slinging type in a down-town printing office. The stories he will tell the boys when he comes back in the Fall will make some open their mouths in wonderment.

Last Sunday afternoon, Supervisor W. L. Hanson and Martin Glynn saw the "Giant of the Forest," which is now on exhibit at Washington Bridge, 181st Street and Amsterdam (Tenth) Avenue. This big tree is an unique exhibit. It is from the Mammoth Forest, Tulare County, Cal., measures 99 feet in circumference at the base, is 312 feet in height, and nearly 9000 years old. It was shipped to this city from San Francisco, at the cost of $10,000. It will be exhibited at Washington Bridge, before going to the World's Fair at Chicago.

Clerk Bassingthwaighte returned on Saturday from his vacation in England, looking in the best of health.

Miss De Golia, the tailoress, has gone to Northampton, N. Y., to spend a month's vacation.

The visitors on Friday last were Messrs. Salmond, of Dunkirk, N. Y., J. Toohey, and D. Dougherty, and on Sunday, Messrs. Jeynes, Ensle, H. Bettels, C. Thompson, T. Carlman, of Albany, N. Y., Seigler, R. McVea, Prinsinzing, and W. Eltrich.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas spent the afternoon of last Sunday at the Institution as the guests of Miss P. Lewis.

Messrs. Britt and Vernon, while fishing off the dock into the Hudson River last Thursday night, thought the Day of Judgment had come when they saw some rays of light apparently coming from the heavens at a late hour of the night, and were expecting their ears to be opened to the sound of Gabriel's trumpet, but in a few minutes they got the full light in their eyes, and saw that it was the search light of an ironclad of the U. S. Navy, which had been turned up to the sky.

Central Park was the scene of innocent amusement to the little girls and boys on Saturday last. Miss Lewis accompanied the girls, and Mr. W. L. Hanson, the boys.

Supervisors Prosperi, Hefferman and Hanson, one day last week, to amuse the boys, made a large kite about five feet in height and three in width.

Ex-Supervisor Risley called at the Institution last Friday. He was on a month's vacation. He looked very much improved in health.

William S. Abrams claims as his friend "Buck" Ewing, the celebrated captain of the New York Base-Ball Club. Last week he had a confab with him about the release of Pitcher Keefe, which has been the talk of the town, if not the sporting fraternity of the country during the week. William says that Keefe was released on account of his poor work, but there are many who think otherwise.

There will probably be quite a number of New Yorkers at the Troy-Albany Association's Excursion on the 17th of August. Among whom, we have been informed will be Messrs. Porter, Fosmire, and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas.

John H. Dundon was a visitor to the printing office on Tuesday. He is going to sea in a pilot boat, and expects to be on the briny deep for two weeks.

Mr. Gamage visited Coney Island on Monday, but did not remain there long. He no doubt prefers Great Britain's Brighton than our own. Although late in the season, he may yet make his fourteenth trip to the old world.

Next week, we will accompany "Aquila" to the wilds of Sullivan County on a short furlough. The latter having become a full-fledged "Arkansaw Traveller," and an excellent marksman, during his eight months' stay in that tough State, we can rely upon him as "guide and protector." A. QUAD.

Gorham, N. H.

Mr. Henry A. Porter, Formerly of South Framingham, Mass., is an employe at the Fairbanks Scale Factory in St. Johnsbury, Vt., again. Since he left the former city, two years ago, he has been at the factory almost seven years. He contemplates going back to resume his old place in South Framingham as soon as they want him.

Master Albert Heyer, a pupil at the Hartford Institution, is helping his father as a letter scale sealer during his summer vacation at the Fairbanks factory, where his father has worked for seventeen years. Young Heyer is a promising boy, and is seemingly ambitious in his trade, with hope to obtain better employment as soon as he gets through his schooling.

Mr. Allen B. Meacham, of Guildhall, Vt., is now doing splendidly in the carriage painting business at his own shop, since he moved last Spring from Lancaster, N. H. He has hired a large shop and has two or three men working under him. He said he could make more money at his shop with fewer orders. Mr. Meacham is well known in this vicinity as a first rate ornamental and sign-board painter. In consequence of this, he is largely patronized, being superior in the painting business to any deaf-mute in New England, as far as the writer knows. His father, James S. Meacham, still lives with his son Allen B. on his farm, and occassionally repairs carriages for him. He expects to be in Boston soon.

"Ex-Trimount" and his family are enjoying their vacation at Gorham, N. H., and expect to drive with a party to the Glen House, in the White Mountains, in two or three days, and then they will go to Island Pond, Vt., to spend the remaining two weeks, and will be back in Boston on August 9th. EX-TRIMOUNT.

CHICAGO ITEMS.

Mrs. Deidamia Corey, mother of Clarence Corey, of Chicago, Ill., died suddenly and unexpectedly in Leavenworth, Kan. She was eighty-two years of age.

Mr. William G. Jones, of New York, could not come to lecture at the Pas-a-Pas Club rooms. He was telegraphed to return home, because his wife was ill. About 150 persons assembled to see him, and as he did not appear, the time was passed in dancing, with lemonade for refreshment.

Three passenger cars of over 300 persons left last Saturday morning, July 18th, for Elliott's Park near Matteson, Ill., twenty-eight miles. Many visitors of Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and other States went there and enjoyed themselves very pleasantly.

John F. Carrol and C. A. Corey are working at the *Inland Printer* office.

Mr. Dougherty, president of the Pas-a-Pas Club, gave notice last Saturday evening that many persons will be entertained at the basket picnic in honor of Rev. Mr. Hasenstab, at Washington Park, Saturday, August 15th.

Rev. Mr. Hasenstab left Chicago for Indiana to visit his parents last Sunday. He will return here, August 9th. A POINTER.

"THE BALL THROWER."

SCULPTOR TILDEN COMMEMORATES THE NATIONAL GAME IN BRONZE.

The base-ball player has long been immortalized in the public prints, but it remained for Douglas Tilden, a deaf-mute sculptor of San Francisco, to immortalize him in bronze. Not long ago he completed a handsome statue entitled "The Ball Thrower," and presented it to the city of San Francisco. The figure is of life size, and is mounted upon a red granite base and a Mentone sandstone pedestal four feet high The site of the statue is south of the Garfield monument in San Francisco's Park. A few base-ball cranks claim that the pose of the figure is not technically correct, that the bronze Twirler would never be mistaken for Rusie, Tim Keefe or "Carmencita" Ewing at work in the box, but in other respects the sculptor's work is highly complimented.—*Bloomington Eye.*

NEW YORK.

Making Merry with the Brooklyn Boys.

OVER THE BRIDGE.

The Old Ship on Its Feet again Apparently.

(From our New York Correspondent.)

The boys who reside on the other side of the big roadway that spans the East River from shore to shore without a support, had lots of fun during the afternoon and evening of Saturday last. Their attempt to keep the old ship from going to pieces after sailing seven years in waters, both calm and troubled, was well rewarded. A perfect day broke in on their speaking weatherwise, and the attendance went up past the three hundredth mark. Seventy or more bright pieces of silver, aggregating in all as many dollars, will serve to stop the leakage in their craft, and unless a too generous impulse is bestowed upon the waves of popularity, these same pieces of silver should make it plain sailing for the Brooklyn Society when she hoists her sails, the coming Fall.

Lyceum Park was a snug little place, even if somewhat removed from the last station of the rapidly, spreading Brooklyn Elevated Roads. Horse cars passed within fifty yards of the entrance, but the speed of a locomotive drew the majority to the "L" road's means of conveyance.

They began to arrive at 2 P.M., though the committee, headed by Chairman Thompson, were there in advance. A galaxy of pretty girls turned out. It would not be fair to allow, they all came from Brooklyn. The New York miss has a claim on the phrase, "the prettiest girls in the universe." The young married folks were not wanting. Mamas and papas were among the arrivals, and tots in arms, babies in skirts, and girls and boys in bright frocks and knickerbockers swelled the attendance. The coming man and his mackinaw straw was there in numbers; so, too, the young fellow that holds to a light-colored derby as the proper summer head gear. The old reliable, who wears a warm-looking black derby all the year round, was mixed up with them, and when they arrived, they set aside all restraint and proceeded to enjoy themselves.

The little ones started for the hobby horses and boats that comprise the merry-go-round. Having their fill, they made the swing man think he had struck a rich vein. After that they played "tag," hide-and-seek, and took to the dancing platform as they would have done to a sliding pond. It was glorious, in their way of fun.

The older folks followed the course of amusement mapped out by the youngsters, in some instances. Others settled down at the tables and in corners of the dancing platform, and held forth in discussing no end of questions, no end of comments, and no end of pleasantries that happen in every-day life.

The pretty girls set out to make conquests; the young fellows of the mackinaws and derbys followed suit. The result can be estimated. There was a clash of keen wits, with the victory slightly on the female side. Smart-looking chaps began to mingle with the couples during the afternoon. Bright ribbons, with gold and silver trimmings, accounted for the sober faces they wore. They had a mission to perform, and that was to acquaint the guests of the fact that dancing was about to begin. The mystic baton of Prof. Bauer began to wave on high, and soon a melody of sound floated over an assembly that, in some cases, heard it not. A march was started, and the first part of the programme, comprising fourteen numbers, were run out before sundown. The band was allowed an hour to attend to the wants of the inner man, an example many of the picnickers followed.

When the re-entree was started, Floor-Manager Marks proceeded to the head of the line, followed by his assistant, Alex. McIlwraith and wife, and behind them some fifty or more couples. The march was entertainment for those who looked on, and was ably carried out. The favorite lanciers was followed by a waltz, then a scottische, then a quadrille, with a repetition in order named. An interruption occurred about ten o'clock, when Chairman Thompson introduced Prof. Thos. F. Fox, who made a few complimentary remarks on the worth of the Brooklyn Society and proceeded to announce the lucky one who drew the photograph check. She was a Miss Hannah Henry. After that the dancing was resumed and the merriment increased, and a tired, but happy crowd of picnickers welcomed the hour that said time was up and home was the next place for them.

Mr. Julius Wollman was chairman of the floor committee and his assistants, like himself, did noble service. They were; Geo. M. Taggard, Wm. G. Gilbert and Chas E. Green.

On the reception committee were these loyal adherents of the Brooklyn Society: Messrs. H. A. Schnackenberg, James Orr and Archie McLaren.

Mr. Henry Juhring was honored with the gold fringe that distinguished him as chairman.

The number of New Yorkers who journeyed to the scene was very large. The boys were out in abundance, the Union League, Manhattan Literary Association, Adelphi Union, German club, being represented and and New Jersey sent on a goodly number.

Chairman Thompson's labors bore fruit, and the successful termination of the event is complimentary to him and his brother committeemen, as well as to President Godfrey and the other members of the society.

The dancing orders were neat little affairs in a typographical sense. The *Eagle* print selected a very appropriate type to set out the Society's name. It was plain and filled out in one line.

A souvenir programme was issued for the event which was unique in design, and owed its success to the labors of "Uncle Jim" O'Neil. He was one of the liveliest of the picnickers.

Among those present were noticed the following: President and Mrs. Thomas Godfrey and children, Vice-President and Mrs. McIlwraith, Second Vice-President, J. Wollman and Miss Sturmwald, Levy, James S. Orr and Miss Taggard, Treasurer Thompson and Miss Tiedmann, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Donnelly and children, and sister, Miss Katie Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick O'Mahoney, Captain of the "Annie Rooney," of Ireland; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brown and daughter and Mrs Brown's sister, Miss Katie Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown and children "Old Sport," Tom W. Brown, who always manages to have a good time, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. James Francis O'Neil, Mrs. Jane Fitzgerald, Mrs. McMahon, Mrs. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Lackas, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Welch and two sisters Misses Fannie and Katie Welch, the Misses Henry, A. Gillen Luding, Gantz, O'Neil, Collins, Hogan, Fogarty, Sullivan, Carrie Clark, Maggie Gillen, Mary McCue, Bridget McCue, Maggie Malone, Hughes, Mary McLaughlin, Gracie Meagher, Lulu Fogarty, Katie Long, and many others whose names we cannot recollect now.

Uncle Jim O'Neil instead of going with the Night Owl Fishing Club went to Coney Island in the forenoon and South Beach last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Brown and daughter Gracie enjoyed themselves at South Beach last Sunday. South Beach is getting very popular with the deaf. Mrs. Brown and daughter Gracie left for Coney Island Monday and are to remain for a week.

How a fishing party of deaf-mutes did not catch any fish will be told next week.

MONTAGUE TIGG.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL:—Being harassed by some of your readers far and near, why I am so silent so long in sending something to the JOURNAL, as they have been expecting to find something from these parts in every issue of your paper, and being so often disappointed, they are coming down on me, so I guess I had better liven up my lazy bones and hurry on, although I scarcely know what to harp on, and ye won't find this of much interest after all, but I have wrote, and so those who are berating me for my silence will have to put with this.

The institution here closed on June 10th, and so far all the pupils have arrived home safe and sound. Three days after the school closed, Prof. D. W. McDermid, the Principal, left for the States to be present at the Iowa Deaf-Mutes' Convention, and also the Chautauqua Assembly which opened, July 1st, at Council Bluffs. Mr. McDermid is still away, but is expected back by August 1st.

Dominion Day passed off very quietly at the Institution, but it was a lively day for the citizens. The small boys with the fire-crackers were on hand as usual, and up to all sorts of mischief. Something like "Peck's Bad Boy," but everybody knows, boys will be boys, and they themselves were boys once. Who does not admire seeing the boys in their mirth which makes them recall the happy days of yore. What a spectacle the world would present without the dear boys; they won't always be young, so let them frolic while they they may. Picnics to various locals summer resorts were numerous, but many were spoiled on account of the rain, which came down in showers at intervals during the greater part of the day, spoiling the dresses and hats of the fairies in white, worrying the dear creatures to some extent. Later in the day it cleared up, but then there was mud and mosquitoes to contend with. Mosquitoes, as everybody knows, are young imps. They swarm about everybody who is out in the evenings strolling or courting with effrontery and wicked relish, after the blood of their exasperated victims. Everybody, who was out on this eventful day, had something to complain about, but without these little trials, we would not have any chances to laugh at the mishaps of others, and picnics would not amount to much, if we did not have lots of fun at the expenses of others.

Mr. James Duncan, late of Stratford, Ont., but who lately located in this city, has joined the Typographical Union, and is doing splendidly on the daily *Free Press*. He is only "subbing;" and has plenty of it too, to keep him steady all along, on account of the "subs" being scarce here just now, although any amount of work. Jim is making big wages now, in fact, he imagines he is stealing half of it, as he generally makes nearly three times what he used to earn in Ontario. It is quite safe to say that there is a chance out here for two or three "subs," and this is the opinion of men who have been connected with the papers for years. Why don't some of you, young enterprising and ambitious fellows, grasp these opportunities, and be quick about it.

Miss G. E. Maxwell, along with her aunt, both of Detroit, Mich., were visiting the city a few days ago enroute to the Pacific Coast, via the Central Pacific Railroad, stopping off at intermediate stations on the way. They visited the Institution and also some historic spots of the First Riel Rebellion of 1870-1, especially old Fort Garry, now in ruins and fast vanishing. They were surprised with the size and appearance of this city, finding it much larger than they expected to, with magnificent large and tall buildings that would do any of the old eastern cities credit. This surprise is generally given to new comers, who have no idea that our city can match almost any city in the east. According to the latest census, Winnipeg now has a population of of a little over 30,000.

The crops in these parts of the North-western Territory are reported as being in splendid condition, the abundant rains of June made the growth most rapid, and the weather since July 1st has been most favorable, causing the tillers of the soil to be in buoyant and hopeful spirits. The ground is moist enough for the remainder of the growing season. Then warm dry weather is all that is wanted to bring the grain to maturity.

Mr. James McKillop, assistant crown attorney, of London, Ont., paid a visit to the Institution on the 19th inst., and again later in the week. He was feeling in good health, and is on a pleasure trip to points west of here. He is a brother of Mr. Duncan McKillop, of the Belleville Institution, as his friends could easily tell by the striking semblance.

A certain individual of the fair sex, a resident of the Institution, getting tired of the daily routine of nothing to do, thought she would accept an invitation from a friend in the country to stay with them for a week or two. Arriving there she expressed herself delighted with the picturesque appearance of the surroundings. This opinion, however, did not last long. She had been staying, but a few days, when she was just dying to get back to the serene life at the Institution during vacation. The fact is the poor creature was being tormented by those impudent imps, the mosquitoes, giving her fair skin the appearance of a case of measles, and ye can imagine how glad she was to return to the Institution. She now dreads going into the rural district during the mosquito season, and had a nightmare the night following her return, that she was in the possession of mosquitoes as big as dragon flies who were carrying her off to their paradise of torture. While it is strange, but true that the folks who she had been stopping with, did not seem to be at all bothered with the mosquitoes, which evidence that the imps knew that the fair city belles are sweeter and more tender than most rural people, and took advantage to have a high time with the lady above mentioned. Excuse me for omitting her name, perhaps because I always deal tenderly with the charming creatures, and the world would be a blank without their inspiring presence.

PRAIRIE JACK.

WINNIPEG, July 25, '91.

MID-SUMMER PARTY.

A PLEASANT WAY TO SPEND THE DULL DAYS FOR THE STAY-AT-HOME.

The Brooklyn deaf-mutes have a very pleasant way of spending the dull days of this warm summer season by entertaining their friends to a quiet reception and collation, consisting of the choicest fruit and cool lemonade, with the largest water-melon in the middle. These enjoyable gatherings are greatly appreciated by the stay-at-homes, which compensates them for their hard lot of being compelled by circumstances to spend the summer in this baked city, while their more fortunate friends are doing the mountains, springs, sea shore, hills and the continent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Juhring invited their friends to one of these delightful affairs, in honor of the birthday of the latter, which took place at their residence, on Wednesday, July 22d, and it is needless to say that it was a repetition of the many pleasant entertainments given by this estimable couple. Our fair friends presented a lovely appearance attired in their dainty white summer costumes.

Among those who were present and voted it one of the most pleasant incidents of the present year were Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Wilkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tobin, the Misses Gantz, Petterson, Welch, Henry, Foland, R. Smith, Mrs. Ryer, Messrs. Schnakenberg, Orr and Senior.

Mr. Johnson Potter died at his home in Glenville, N. Y., on Sunday, July 5th, aged eighty-eight years. Mr. Potter was the uncle of Miss Jane Ann Romeyn.

BOSTON.

The Union Picnic at Melville Garden.

MR. T. G. MOODIE'S PLUCK.

Various Interesting Notes from the Hub.

(From our Boston Correspondent.)

The union picnic under the auspices of the two societies, Gallaudet Society and Charitable Relief Society, took place at Melville Garden last Wednesday. The affair was a success. Contrary to the report from one to another that it was a flat failure, because the attendance was not big enough to cover a guarantee. The fact is that Melville Garden was represented by five picnic parties, which made a big crowd, having over one thousand picnickers at the garden, and about seventy-five deaf-mutes were scattered among them, which would naturally make any body think the attendance was very small, but "Laurentius" upon inquiring the of manager, Mr. Docharty, was told one hundred and seventy tickets had been sold, which left each society represented in the union a clear profit of nine dollars. The profits would have been much more had obstacles been foreseen. Each of the five picnic parties had their own ticket sellers stationed almost close to each other at the wharf, and all seemed to have pre-arranged together to sell tickets in our way. For instance, a good number of deaf-mutes bought tickets from the intruders by mistake, as it was proved so by the color of tickets, and so on with other confusion, on account of the unexpected rude companions, but nevertheless our picnic was a financial success, for which the management has no reason for regret, and notwithstanding the big crowd, the program was carried through successfully, which every body enjoyed hugely. One gentleman from Rhode Island, who expected to meet his old friends there, but met strangers here and there, was not content with the picnic, so he returned on an early boat, and to even up his disappointment of the day, he climbed the highest hill he ever did in his life, in Chelsea, and enjoyed a good breeze as well as a beautiful view of Boston, Charleston and other towns, thence to the Soldiers' Home, where he took a peep through the windows, and saw with bewilderment the ex-Union soldiers at the expense of wealthy people, as well as G. A. R. Posts, enjoying themselves in playing billiards, cards, reading books, or anything they could find to amuse themselves.

The first boat left Boston at 9:45 with about fifty deaf-mutes, with as many more on the next boat, and a few more on every boat afterward.

Upon the arrival of the earlier but greedy fun seekers, at the Melville Garden, which was only a short time before noon, they chatted and strolled near one of the five shades reserved for us. About one o'clock, their burdens of eatables were lightened in the usual way. The gastronomic work being over, the fun began for the day, and all went in different directions to find the most pleasure.

At the ball field, two nines were formed, as follows:—

BOSTONS.	GALLAUDETS.
Mulcahey, 2 b.	Ryan, p.
Coughlin, l. f.	W. Acheson, c.
Shea, p.	Clouthiers, c. f.
Ghiska, c.	Bronson, 2 b.
Cox, 1 b.	Williams, 3 b.
Work, 3 b.	Rock, l. f.
Biggin, s. s.	C. Wood, s. s.
Donahue, Capt., c. f.	Babbitt, r. f.
Wellington, r. f.	Fred Roberts, 1 b.

It was a four-inning game. Mr. F. S. Hoffman umpired.

A reporter of the Boston *Daily Globe* took a deep interest in the game and wrote as follows:

"There were no disputed decisions and for once the umpire's lot was an easy one. There was no loud coaching or jollying of base runners, but Arlie Latham would not have been in it in the contortion line."

The score stood 9 to 9. The captains assisted base runners by running around the bases with them and slapping them on the back. This is allowable by the improved rules and regulations. Volume 243, page 1075, (Laurentius is informed that such books with the same numbers will be ready in 200 years.)

The most interesting part of the programme was the contest for prizes. The winners were Miss Minnie Thompson, for rope jumping; Miss Katie Acheson for a potato race; Mr. W. J. Rudolph, sack race.

The last contest was a running match between Mrs. Wellington, about thirty years old, and Miss Katie Acheson, still a pupil of Hartford, for a paltry sum, over which the elder lady kicked, and after three trials, two out of which Miss Acheson won, but the last one, Mrs. Wellington was awarded the money, while the public sentiment was with the young lady. A prominent gentleman interested in the young lady, offered Mrs. Wellington a bet of one dollar that Miss Acheson would beat her. Mrs. Wellington promptly accepted the challenge, but backed out shortly afterward much to her self-humiliation.

The others who cared not for games, chatted in shade trees, strolled along the lanes. A party of ladies stealthily went around the bath houses, and had a swim in the salt water.

A majority of picnickers staid till 9:30 in the evening, strolling in the murky twilight or dancing till the boat whistled and took the tired but happy crowd back to Boston by moon light.

Among the prominent picnickers were Messrs. E. A. Hodgson, of New York; Wm. K. Chase, of Winsted; Prof. H. White, A. F. Osgood, of Natick; and Levi A. Lester, Treasurer of New England Gallaudet Association.

Messrs. Robert Docharty, as he has always been, and T. F. Moodie, were the hardest workers of the committee, though the rest who were Messrs. E. Frisbee, P. M. Parcels, I. A. Blanchard and Edwark Roberts, did their parts well.

A full account of the picnic was given in the *Boston Daily Globe*, on the following morning, saying that the picnic was largely represented by the Horace Mann School and Northompton School, where Oral System (Prof. Bell's pride) is used, yet the *Globe* headed this account with "Dumb as Oysters," in bold face. The teachers of both schools will be chargined at this remark.

The Kennedy Biscuit Company of Cambridgeport gave an annual picnic at Downers Landing last Monday to which eight hundred attended, and among the games was the greased pole climbing contest.

Only four of the big crowd were willing to soil their clothes. Each throwing up coin to decide upon their turns. There was to be three heats.

The first one was a sailor of many years' experience on the mast, which impressed the public as a possible winner, but wait and see who won.

The sailor, having the first turn, climbed up and was marked off as the height of his climbing, then the second, a young man, well-known as a plucky fellow, climbed up and over-reached the sailor's mark, Rah! Rah! Rah! The other two failed to reach the highest mark made by the plucky fellow.

The second trial comes, the sailor failed to touch the plucky mark, the second failed to reach his first mark, but still ahead of the sailor, and the two others made no improvement.

The third and last trial was more exciting than ever, the sailor with an air of determination, and not willing to be an object of humiliation on account of his being an expert, jumped with all his might, and climbed up and succeeded in over-reaching the highest mark by quite a long way further up. The plucky fellow was a great favorite at the bakery, and naturally had so many enthusiastic friends. The friends were discouraged when they thought the sailor's tact was a trick or "play off" in the first two trials, but the plucky fellow was not the kind of man to shirk, for he determined to out-do the sailor or die, which brought his friends back to courage once more, and their enthusiasm became more and more. Their hearts were up to their throats, when he started climbing up but failed to reach the necessary mark to win the contest, he slipped down and climbed up repeatedly, taking care not to let his feet touch the ground lest he loses the game. Finally, after he had slipped to hardly a few inches from the ground in order to get more strength, he shot himself up, amid deafening yells, and over-reaching the sailor's last mark by half an inch, and an uproar of cheers from the great crowd went up for Mr. Thomas F. Moodie, who was the plucky fellow, and our deaf-mute friend. Rah! Rah! Rah! for Tom.

He was the same person who received a gold medal for a running match at the picnic given by Kennedy & Co., last summer, but a few moments later it was stolen.

A neat and artistically printed pamphlet containing portraits of prominent deaf-mutes with their brief biographies by the Pas-a-Pas Club, of Chicago, was received here. It was shown to many of us who took an interest in it especially the pictures of its members. They all appear to be intelligent fellows. There is one, if we are not mistaken, who was once connected with a club here three years ago.

Boston sends her best wishes to the Pas-a-Pas Club for the success of its coming picnic.

It has been reported that Prof. Harry White has decided to live here, and has sent for his family, who are now in Utah. He has succeeded in something, a mystery to us, but will probably be revealed before long, and one of his intimate friends remarked that he will have a good fortune, not through luck or inheritance, but through his brains.

July 27, '91. LAURIENTIUS.

DIED.

Died at her residence in this village, on Monday, July 13, 1891, Miss Emily Johnson, of Lima, and sister of Robert B. Johnson of this village. Miss Johnson has been an invalid for some years past gradually failing in strength. Her kindred here and in Rochester have been most assiduous in doing all that was possible to alleviate her sufferings which she bore with fortitude and patience. There survive in the home where she died her aged mother, and her sister, Mrs. Gertude J. Phelps. The funeral on Wednesday afternoon was conducted by Dr. Freeman, assisted by Rev. H. S. Dennis. The burial took place at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Lima.—*Honeoye Falls Times.*

[Miss Emily Johnson was educated at Hartford and left the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb about forty years ago.]

Nashua, N. H.

The writer has just awoke from a long lethargy, although he has been delaying to write for the JOURNAL from time to time, he must make one more attempt to do so at this time.

The Nashua Deaf-Mute Society closed its sessions till September with a lecture by Mr. W. E. White, on "The Gunmaker of Moscow," which was very much appreciated by all present. It held its meetings monthly and the features were chiefly lectures and services by Messrs. Frisbee and Goldsmith at different times. The themes were "Past and Present Experience," "Strange Adventures of Cremation," and "Trials of a Boy in a City." At other times Mr. White also gave us lectures on "On his own Merits," "Black Beauty," and "Wood's Pilgrimage." Every one should read "Black Beauty," an Uncle Tom's Cabin of horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wardman, of Lowell, and Mrs. Atherly, *nee* Miss Wardman, of Lynn, spent one Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. White, and returned home by boat plying between this city and Lowell.

Mr. John O'Rourke, the genteel fellow of Haverhill, drops in to see us occasionally. He always keeps us steadily laughing with his clever antics, expressing humorous gesticulations in more or less degree peculiar to himself. It appears that he was popular at the college on that account, not only that, but because he was a "good fellow." Come again John.

Business of almost every kind is dull everywhere. Some of the mutes have been idle more or less.

Mr. E. R. Gay is on the soil of his native place once more, with his family who left South Norwalk, Ct., in reply to an offer from the Saddlery & Hardware Co., and he is doing well considering his short experience in that business, but he has had an experience in polishing for twelve years. He is earning good wages.

Mr. and Mrs. Paro, of Lebanon, N. H., called on us on their way home from their bridal trip in Massachusetts. Mr. Paro seemed to be wild over his "prize."

Misses Lackie and Lafferty, of Lowell, Mass., and Miss Gilpatrick, of Lancaster, made Mr. and Mrs. Wright a flying visit, at one and another time respectively.

Mrs. G. A. Converse, of Winchendon, made it go lively at Mr. Wright's for a week last spring, and enjoyed her visit hugely.

Building is booming in this city.

Mr. Blodgett participated in the Boston picnic on the 22d, and said it was very good.

Messrs. Gay and Damon caught a good string of horn pout the other night.

Miss Sophia Swett spent the Fourth in Lowell, where there was a celebration on a grand scale, samething she never saw in her life, and came home the next day.

Mr. Blodgett did likewise in Concord, and enjoyed Mr. Patton's company. Mr. Jeremiah Ryan was booked for several races, but he did not put in his appearance however, for reasons unknown to Mr. Blodgett. He was the recipient of several prizes in similar races at the Hartford School. Mr. Bellows was one of the entries but did not win, after trying hard to do so. Mr. Patton pitched for a nine.

Mrs. E. H. French, of Peterboro, has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Gay, since the Fourth, and expects to rethrn home next Saturday.

NASHUAN.

July 26, '91.

CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO.

The Glorious Fourth passed off quietly in this city among the silent humanity, only Eugene Stebelton, of Stoutsville, being present from abroad.

Big Tug Ecord spent the Fourth at Washington, C. H., but we have not seen him since to learn what sort of an affair he had.

The Anderson Deaf-Mute Society Picnic, to come off at the Highland House, Cincinnati, August 1st, will more than likely be represented by at least by two from this county.

We very much regret our inability to accept the kind invitation to spend the glorious Fourth with Mr. and Mrs Wm. Mooner at Mansfield. It being right in the middle of the harvest, we could not spare more than one day at least, so it was hardly worth while to go for such a short stay. We prefer going when we can have a longer visit. Hope they had a good time all the same.

We are so very sorry to learn of the death of Mrs. Beulah Strong Wood, of Toledo, O. She was one of the very few women that, had she been spared, would have done much good here. She being a personal friend of ours, we know whereof we speak, and her demise is deeply felt, and we extend our heartiest sympathy to Mr. Wood, and her relatives and friends in this their great bereavement.

Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Sweet spirit, rest thee now,
Even while with us, thy footsteps trod,
His seal was on thy brow.

Dust, to its narrow house beneath!
Soul to its place on high!
They that have seen thy look in death,
No more may fear to die.

Lone are the paths, and sad the bowers,
Whence thy sweet smile is gone,
But, O, a brighter home than ours
In heaven is now thine own.

July 19, '91. ROBIN HOOD.

COLUMBUS.

The July Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS AND RESIGNATIONS.

The Kansas Institution Loses Several Valuable Teachers.

(From our Columbus Correspondent.)

The July meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb was held Saturday evening. After the transaction of some routine business, the following list of appointments were presented by the Superintendent, and confirmed by the Board.

Emanuel Young, assistant engineer, was promoted to the position of chief engineer. Luther Loutham, who has been supervisor, was appointed teacher. Miss Louisa Thompson, of Akron, and Miss Bancroft of this city, were also appointed as teachers. The latter has been visitors' attendant, a position which will be filled hereafter by Mrs. Saunders, of this city, and Mr. Lewis W. Flenniken, supervisor.

Commenting on the latter appointment, the *Sunday World* says:

Lou Flenniken is receiving the congratulations of his friends upon his appointment as supervisor at the Deaf and Dumb Institution. He will prove the right man in the right place, as he is in every way competent as well as deserving of the position.

The engineer of the Institution was removed by Superintendent Knott several weeks ago, for insubordination and for other causes, not necessary here to mention. The Board approved the action of the Superintendent and filled the vacancy by promoting the first assistant engineer to the place.

Miss Blanche Filler, since 1882 a teacher, tendered her resignation as such. We do not know the cause for such action, but knowing ones have it that she is soon to be married. Miss Louisa K. Thompson was appointed to take her place. Miss Thompson was first appointed a teacher here in 1867 by Dr. G. O. Fay, and taught without interruption up to 1884 or '85, when, falling under the displeasure of the then Superintendent, Amasa Pratt, she resigned. She has, since then, been teaching in the Colorado Institution.

Miss Mary Bancroft takes the place of Miss Nina Lesquereux, who resigned in June and was married.

Mr. C. W. Charles' place is taken by Mr. Luther Loutham, who, for a year past, has been supervisor. He has had experience as a teacher in the public schools.

Of Mr. Flenniken little need he said, as he is well known by your Ohio readers. He is a son of the first pupil of the Institution, and was, some years ago, filling the position to which he has just been chosen. Like other employes under Pratt, he, too, fell under his ban and had to leave. He found no trouble in securing a place in the California Institution. Here he remained until last Spring, Superintendent Wilkinson and every one connected with that school being sorry at his leaving.

Mr. B. O. Sprague, wife and child, arrived in Columbus, Saturday night last, and remained here till Thursday morning, making and receiving calls from friends. During their stay, they stopped with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pier, on Franklin Avenue. Mr. Sprague, as we have previously stated in the JOURNAL, resigned his position as teacher in the Kansas Institution. His reason for taking such a step was the salary was inadequate. Several other teachers in the institution have given up their places for the same reason. Four hundred and fifty dollars a year is certainly a very small compensation for an experienced teacher. A man who is married and has a family to support at that figure, has certainly a hard row before him. Your average Kansas farmer must expect a teacher to be content with one fifty-cent blue overhauls, one ten-cent hat, and, probably go bare-footed in the schoolroom. We hope Kansas legislators will soon tumble to the fact that teachers, and especially those of the deaf, are entitled to better treatment from their hands, and will act accordingly.

Sunday evening last, shortly after retiring, Mrs. R. H. Atwood noticed a light struck at one of the windows of her room, and a human head appearing at the scene, she awoke her husband and informed him of the facts. An investigation was made, it was discovered that burglars had been around. A ladder had been procured and placed against the wall to reach the window where Mrs. Atwood discovered the proposed intruder. The movements of Mrs. Atwood had frightened the thieves away. They were evidently alarmed, for in their hurry they forgot to take their ladder with them, and hence Mr. Atwood is the gainer by their midnight call.

July 25, '91.

A number of graduates of the Horace Mann and Northampton "pure oral" schools will form a party for a week's outing at West Port, Me. Those who contemplate going are Miss Alice C. Jennings, of Auburndale, Mass., Miss Swett, of Beverley; Mr. Sanders, Miss Lillian Smith, Miss Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, of Lawrence, Mass., Miss Atkins, and Miss Noyes.

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Prof. Charles Kerney's Response

AT THE REUNION OF THE KENTUCKY DEAF-MUTE INSTITUTION ALUMNI.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Reunion:—It has been assigned to me, on behalf of the Alumni of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Deaf, to make the response. Nothing pleases and compliments me more than to be called upon on this occasion to say a few words. Multiplication of words is inadequate to express my grateful appreciation of the honor. A complimentary vote by one's school friends is always a matter for congratulation.

As far as the memory of man extends back into the shades of the past, in all history and legend known to us, we learn that it has invariably been the custom of men to unite together in bands, orders, or societies for mutual benefit and protection, or the enjoyment of social, mental and religious intercourse. All of these meetings have characteristics peculiar to themselves, which are usually based upon some principle or sentiment upon which the assemblage itself is founded. Of such a nature is this reunion.

The most instructive and pleasurable of our public meetings are those which commemorate the better elements of our common humanity. Thus we hail this reunion with the gladdest acclaim and heartiest welcome. Whatever promises to benefit us mentally, morally and socially ought to interest every alumnus who has a spark of public spirit. The initial movement has been carried out to a successful fruition and the inauguration ceremonies have become a decided event in the annals of the institution. No doubt we will have in the near future abundance of reasons to heartily thank those who have done so much to make the reunion a successful and brilliant affair, more cause than most of us dream of now. As soon as the object and scope of the enterprise are fully presented and understood, the public judgment of the country can not fail to give it sanction and sympathy. The reunion is upon a thorough and firm basis to do effective work—to inaugurate something best calculated to help us in the eyes of the world. Words can not tell now what good the reunion will produce. Here the movement will awake in the people of the Kentucky a deeper interest in deaf-mute education than they have heretofore felt. The coming generation needs more consideration than has been shown its predecessors. The reunion will aid the future generations, if wisely managed. Let every alumnus feel it a personal duty he owes himself to make it as great and complete a success as possible.

This occasion is the most interesting period in life, to meet again our school friends separated only by distance, and endeared to us by a thousand associations. It crystalizes in deathless memory the pleasures of the past and the aspirations of the future. Here the meeting is delightful beyond description. After time has worked great changes in the course of years, a visit to our dear old institution convinces one that it is a most charming spot for a few days to enjoy the numberless pleasures with our school friends here. Here is brought a large concourse of ex-pupils, wild with enthusiasm to have fun in real earnest, none of whom will fail to see at once the vast advantages that are certain to accrue to their welfare. Ordinary places of entertainment afford a temporary enjoyment; the impressions produced in this reunion are as instructive as they are absorbing, and, while riveting the attention, convey such permanent lessons to the mind as can not be easily obliterated. Here we will find food for study, thought, memory and reflection. Here we enjoy, as well as other people, change, pleasure, recreation, rest from work and business. Here we preserve through life those ties of friendship, which are formed during our school days. Here we revive our recollections "with malice toward none and charity toward all." Here we meet not only friends deaf like ourselves, but friends of youth, friends of the sweet happy days when we were pupils of the dear old institution. Here we recognize the faces of the classmates, schoolmates, instructors and officers that were ours—and the sweethearts we used to have. Alas! Where are they now? From here many have gone never to return in the world, but we love to think of them all and talk about them. We remember all the good they did, and forget the errors they made, if we noticed any. Here we are once more within the school walls, with the elms, the fence, the campus and the girls, where we are reminded of the good old times gone to return no more. There is hardly any room for doubt that we will witness a reunion worth coming and return home gratified and benefited. Money and time spent in coming here is never regretted. For the success thus far accomplished, which is a triumph in itself, too much credit can not be given to the committee of arrangements. Any person who does not feel disposed to return thanks, may well be likened to "the pig that ate acorns without looking up to see from whence they came." The brain of Supt. W. K. Argo never conceived a nobler plan or busied itself about a more praiseworthy object than of this reunion. It will be an undying monument to his memory and will be remembered long after he has gone to another world, where the deaf and dumb are unknown.

Let us stop a moment to look back into the ancient times when the condition and prospects of the deaf and dumb were wretched beyond imagination previous to the invention of the methods of educating them, the child born deaf and dumb was looked upon as a doomed being, and as a cause of sorrow and shame to its parents. Among some countries the deaf were declared to be the curse of heaven; among the barbarians they were regarded as monsters and killed when three years of age, or as soon as their deafness was satisfactorily established. Only those escaped who were kept hidden from the eyes of the world by the natural love of their parents, who supposed that they had discharged their full duty by merely supplying their animal wants.

Hedged in by their affliction and public sentiment, deaf-mutes were left in a state of the most profound ignorance. With means of communication scarcely sufficient to express their most common wants, they occupied an intermediate place between man and the brute; and their already miserable existence was dragged out in still greater misery and wretchedness by being obliged to perform the labor of brutes. Surrounded by none of the restraints of either human or divine influences, they seemed beyond the pale of human sympathy, in hopeless degradation, unconscious of their own eternal destiny.

It is no wonder, then, among the beautiful and pleasure, loving Greeks, such offspring was considered as a disgrace to humanity, and under the barbarous laws of Lycurgus, they were put to death as soon as their misfortune was made known. Nor was highly cultured Athens less cruel than Sparta toward these innocent children. Deaf-mutes were pitilessly sacrificed without a voice being raised in their behalf. The Romans treated these unfortunates with the same cruelty as the Greeks. The philosopher Aristotle declared the deaf and dumb to be incapable of receiving education, while the pope St. Augustine maintained that the truths of the holy faith could not be communicated to them, and this was the universal opinion of classical antiquity. And the poet Lucretus pronounced himself in favor of Aristotle's opinion regarding deaf-mutes in these words:

"To instruct the deaf no art can ever reach;
No care improve them, and no wisdom teach."

A sentiment which has held sway for two thousand years since his day. And less than seventy-five years ago, this couplet of Lucretius could apply to every deaf-mute in America. They were everywhere held to be legally in the same position as idiots and madmen. In England, as late as the time of Elizabeth, a nobleman was excluded from his heritage, because he was deaf and dumb, and Sir William Hamilton reiterated the dictum of Aristotle, that of all the senses, hearing contributed most to intelligence and knowledge, and that the deaf were wholly incapable of intellsctual instruction.

Happily, however, the predictions of the great scholars failed long before this nineteenth century blessing to the labor of our benefactors, De l'Epee, Gallaudet and Jacobs. Only within the last fifty years have general and successful efforts been made to educate the deaf and dumb. Over 950 schools worth $125,000,000 have been opened for the silent children in the Christendom, though the instruction of the deaf is barely 100 years anywhere. Within this, the nineteenth, of all the Christian centuries, our deaf brethren have come to be practically treated as fellow-creatures, fellow-citizens and fellow-Christians.

The Christian church has existed for nineteen centuries. Its message has been delivered with more or less of energy and effect. Every race has been no barrier; language has been no obstacle; distance and climate have presented difficulties, but all have been overcome. Its sound has gone out into all lands. The deaf-mutes have been the only exception. Its sound could not reach them; its words were utterly unintelligible to them. That sound might go to the world's end, but it could not reach a little child at its fireside; and this, too, within a recent period.

As in all my life, my principal creed has been hero-worship, and old Plutarch my favorite reading, I must confess that John A. Jacobs, Sr., is one of the greatest gifts of God to us. As Moses was the instrument of God in the delivering of the Hebrew people, so Jacobs was our Moses, but most fortunate he realized his dream, this vision. The almighty instructor of schools placed at the head of our institution, a man of singular purity of private and public life, that he might command the respect and affection of all subsequent generations, and bless them by his example as a gentleman, a citizen, a Christian, a benefactor, and an instructor. His figure stood out so clearly that all eyes were fixed upon him. Supreme merit was joined in him with qualities that designated him as the founder of new-born educational department for the deaf of Kentucky. It was a special favor of heaven that our institution should be inaugurated by a man whose greatness was manifested in trying circumstances, in disaster and danger, in front of mighty obstacles, and in the face of the assaults and plots of selfish and ambitious men; and by whose modesty, calmness, courage, judgment and fearless enterprise under all circumstances, he drew all men towards him with an attraction like that of gravitation.

Unlike many others, Jacobs did not wish to build up the future by using the past. He did not stop to loosen stones from monuments in ruins to build with them our institution, for his genius was composed of honesty and will-power. The name and deeds of Jacobs will live as long as education has a friend. His great services as founder of our institution, and his wisdom in founding and inaugurating the only true school that existed in Kentucky, will go along the corridors of time away down into the stillness of uncounted ages. His eulogy has been spoken in every land, and in every tongue of the world. But his life and services, when justly contemplated, are his best eulogy. The best act of his life consisted of his voluntarily devoting his life to the education of the deaf.

Others will speak of Jacobs from a social and historical point of view; if I add a word, it must be to expess my reverence for the great man's personal character, which hold to be one of the purest, simplest, and strongest in the annals of the world. He was a great, wise and good man, raised up by providence for the wonderful work which was imposed upon him, and which he executed so well that it has met the approval and admiration of all good men of his time, and of later times to our day. An earnest desire to have the deaf educated, with no thought of reward or personal advantage or honor, except what would follow from a consciousness of duty well performed, was the distinguished feature of his excellent character. He succeeded where many great men would have failed. He was the right man in the right place. Certainly he filled the place to which he was assigned, as no other man of his day could have filled it in all respects, and is entitled to the universal gratitude of the world, and the universal acclaim which greet his memory upon this occasion. While I do not begrudge Kentucky, the inheritance of his fame, I can not allow Kentucky a monopoly of his renown. I can not do better than to quote an extract from a speech of Charles Phillips, the Irish orator, as applicable to Jacobs: "No country can claim him, no age can appropriate him. He was the boon of Providence to the human race." Indeed Jacobs belongs to benefaction, to civilivation, all the world over. His example will be thought of in the hearts of men, long, after the granite columns of this educational establishment have crumbled to dust and the recording angel will chisel his name on the pillar of the greatest human benefactors with De l'Epee and Gallaudet, that will last through the ages of eternity.

Though we live in a charitable age, since vast sums are yearly given to found and endow schools, to build hospitals and to equip houses and asylums for the helpless and unfortunates, yet we have never asked nor ever will we ask the General Assembly for a single copper to carry on our school for charity's sake. It is due every parent, who pays taxes for the maintenance of the public schools of the State that the Legislature provide adequate means for the education of all his children. To establish a school for our benefit in every town would be obviously impracticable and expensive. The schooling of one costs more than that of the other, but the State in both cases does the work as cheaply as it can carry out the terms of its contract. It is plainly the intention of existing law that the deaf-mutes of Kentucky, like all the other States in the Union, of a certain age, shall be educated and supported while in school, at the expense of the State. A failure to furnish the necessary buildings and all the means requisite to effect the ends contemplated by the law is simply a violation of a sacred promise, solemnly made by all the people of Kentucky through their agents, the two houses of the Legislature. This promise was made to all, and not to one or a part of the deaf qualified for admission into the school. It was made for all time, without limitation. As a matter of justice, the State has always felt it its duty to extend to the education of this class, since their moral right to an educatjon rests on the same ground as that of their hearing brothers and sisters. Our school has been secured and sustained entirely by money drawn from the common school fund, so that youths and adults of both sexes of Kentucky may receive free instruction. The deaf, on leaving school, are generally in a position to pay back in good citizenship the temporary loan made by the State for their intellectual and manual training.

The march of improvement in our school can only be properly estimated and its magnitude appreciated by those like myself who have watched its growth with delight and pride, and noted one by one the changes that have taken place in the course of years. The Alumni are now visiting in our midst to-day who remember when our original educational department consisted merely of several small shanties, inartistically arranged and inconvenient for school purposes, contrasted to which a magnificent school building has been built with an eye to fine architectural appearance, solidity of construction and convenience of arrangements—a creditable one to any State. We have seen the inside of the building, of which we are heartily pleased to express our appreciation of the taste and judgment displayed in the arrangements all of which combine to convey a harmonious impression. The arrangements of the interior is a very sensible one, which will commend itself to the favor of the public. We are very glad to be able to say this because too often it is the case that a school is built without any regard to the safety, comfort and convenience of its scholars. Upon the whole, the State is to be congratulated upon having a school for the education of the deaf, favorably compared with any school in America and Europe, I have visited. That this is not a bit exaggerated description, there are many visitors in the reunion who can emphatically testify.

The appointment of Mr. W. K. Argo, to be principal of our institution, was at first a genuine surprise to most of us, as he was then a boy fresh from college, but after the first moments surprise turned to commendation. The choice is a singularly happy one. He needs no eulogy nor commendation from us, for since he entered his office, his work has been one constant eulogy, one continuous commendation. Mr. Argo has made for himself a record and achieved a reputation, of which any man might be proud. He has shown himself possessed of administrative and executive talents of the highest order; he has brought to his work an endless amount of energy, push, enterprise and hard common sense, and he has the rare faculty of being able to select the right men for his subordinates and assistants. Mr. Argo is essentially a business man, and as the head of an educational department, he has justified the faith which his intimate friends had in his abilities as a business man. He has long been recognized as a natural born educator of the deaf—carefully trained by his deaf parents. He recognizes the great future, which awaits the growth of our institution, and he has ever been in the van in the march of improvement. With him on the Board, we venture to predict that the Legislature would not be so niggardly as it has sometimes been in the matter of appropriations, and that important public improvements would receive the cordial indorsement of the Board.

Much as we admire and respect the great work done by our benefactors, not only for ourselves but for the future generations. During sixty-eight years, the institution has had four principals—the two Jacobs, Dudley and Argo—who have won imperishable fame for our school and themselves. Our school owes her supreme position, without great wealth of endowment, to the self-sacrificing men who have given to her their lives, and by whose far-sighted energy and enterprise it has been made an institution of such high standard and character. In the efficient corps of instructors and officers engaged in the work of the institution are included who by reason of long continued connection therewith have become regarded as permanent fixtures and a necessary factor in the school's successful operation, all of whom time does not allow me to individualize here.

We, the Kentuckians, who take an interest in deaf-mute education, are proud of the fact that the National Deaf-Mute College at Washington, D. C.—the only college of the kind in the world—would have never existed to-day, but for a Kentuckian, Amos Kendall, through whose generosity and influence the Columbia Institution was built. You may be surprised to be told that the president and vice-president of the National Deaf-Mute Convention are Kentucky boys.

In closing, let me say that our reunion may be permanent and continuous, from one date to another—one generation to another—having no culminating point, because having no end, and constantly growing in magnificence, extent and influence, as our institution grows in population, wealth and power, is the prayer to-day of every alumnus.

WHAT IMPELS THEM?

DEAF-MUTES' FASCINATION FOR WALKING ON RAILROAD TRACKS.

"This one makes twenty-two deaf persons that I have on record of who have been killed on railroad tracks since 1874," an old Erie locomotive engineer said, after the account of Homer J. Higbee, a deaf-mute, being run over and killed while walking on the railroad track at Olean, a few days ago. "Deaf people, and especially deaf-mutes, seem to have a fascination for walking on railroad tracks, and they invariably walk on the track on which trains are running in the same direction they are walking.

"In 1874 I had been running on an engine ten years, and had never yet had the misfortune to kill any one. I was working for a New Jersey Railroad, and one day I sounded my alarm to warn man off the track, as he was walking leisurely along ahead of me, and the train was drawing perilously close to him. He paid no attention to the signal, and I gave him it again, long, sharp and loud. He kept right on, and, as I was unable to stop the train, he was run over and killed. He was a well-known resident of Orange County, and a deaf-mute. A relative of his told me that he had many times narrowly escaped being killed while walking on railroad tracks, and he seemed to have an irresistible passion for such dangerous pastime.

Some time after that I went on the Pennsylvania road, and inside of a year killed two men at different times, while they were walking on the track. Both were deaf and dumb. In 1876, during the Centennial, I killed two other deaf persons who had the fatal fascination for railroad track pedestrianism. Then I began to make a study of this queer habit of the deaf, and kept a record of all deaths of persons on railroad tracks that came to my notice through the newspapers if it was stated that the victims were deaf or deaf and dumb. I have cases from all over the country and this killing of deaf-mute Higbee at Olean makes the twenty-second. They are invariably killed in the same way.

"A deaf-mute was never known to look back while walking on the railroad track, and he is generally discovered in places where it is almost an impossibility to stop in time to save him. The air-brakes have saved a good many deaf railroad pedestrians since they came into use. It is an old saying among the railroad men that a deaf and dumb person will go two miles out of his way to walk on a railroad track, and it is not far from the truth. I would like some one to give some explanation of this strange phase of afflicted human nature. There is no doubt whatever of its existence."—*New York Sun.*

Rev. Mr. Mann's Appointments.

Aug. 1.—Cincinnati, Picnic.
" 2.—Cincinnati, 11 A.M., Holy Communion.
" 2.—Cincinnati, 3 P.M., Evening Prayer.
" 2.—Dayton, 8 P.M.
" 3.—Lima, O., 3 P.M.
" 3.—Lima, O., 7:30 P.M.

Mr. C. O. Dantzer's Appointments.

Services are maintained every Sunday, at 7:30 P.M., in the basement of St. James' Church, Buffalo. In Mr. Dantzer's absence, Mr. Solomon P. Cornelius reads the service.

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Prayer.
Address of the President, Prof. Thomas F. Fox.
Reports of Officers.
Reports of Standing Committees.
Reports of Special Committees.
Communications.
Appointment of Committees.
Recess.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 O'CLOCK.
Paper by Prof. Jonathan H. Eddy, Rome N. Y.
Discussion.
Paper by Mr. Edwin A. Hodgson, New York.
Discussion.
Miscellaneous Business.
Announcements.
Recess.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7:30.
Reports of Committees.
Election of Officers.
Unfinished Business.
Adjournment.

In case the hour permits, the adjournment will be followed by a social reunion of the members and their friends.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20.

The members will have the morning for visiting places of interest in this city and vicinity.

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